in the reserved categories of SC, ST and OBC have been lying vacant in the Principal Directorate of Audit, Northern Railway, Baroda House, New Delhi since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchanges have been awaiting in queue for their interviews/sclection since long; and

(c) if so, upto which specific date, all selection formalities would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Accidents on National Highway between Madras and Calcutta

2164. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts would be made to reduce the number of accidents on the National Highway between Madras and Calcutta;

(b) if so, the details of such efforts;

(c) whether any particularly vulnerable parts of the National Highway in Andhra Pradesh will be monitored; and

(d) the measures proposed to improve road safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) The Primary responsibility to take measures to reduce road accidents lies with the State Governments. However the Central Government issue necessary instructions / guidelines from time to time to the State Governments for strict implementation of various provisions of Motor Vehicles Act so as to reduce the number of road accidents. The Government have also started a massive publicity campaign to increase public awareness of road safety measures.

Proposal for Nodal Agency to monitor Nexus of Crime, Corruption and Politics

2165. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some proposals have been forwarded to the effect that the Nodal Agency to monitor the nexus of crime, corruption and politics be headed by some one with the status of Supreme Court judge;

(b) if so, what is the response of Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that some political parties have demanded for a legislation to set up an independent commission to continuously probe and take action against crime, corruption and politics nexus; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Nodal Agency would be able to entertain complaints from the general public about the nexus between criminals and corrupt administrators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI REJESH PILOT): No, Sir. No such proposals are received in the Home Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. No such proposals are received in the Home Ministry.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Mission for Better Communication

2166. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DOT had launched a Mission for better

communication with the objective of customer satisfaction in 1987;

(b) what were the targets fixed for reduction of number of faults per 100 telephones per month for each of the years 1987 to 1995 and what are the achievements achieved so far and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) what action Government are taking to improve the situation;

(d) what were the targetrs set of projections made for improvement in the productivity in DOT in terms of number of DEL's per employee for each year and what have been the achivement; and

(e) what will be the effect of induction of private sector on the rate of improvement in productivity in the DOT by the years 2000 and 2005 respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) *No. of faults/100 telephones.*

Year	Target	Achievement
87-88	19.2	23.4
88-89	15.0	17.8
89-90	17.1	19.3
90-91	17.3	18.5
91-92	15.9	19.0
92-93	16.3	18.2
93-94	15.0	18.3
94-95	14.0	17.6

The targets are kept keeping in view the inputs, the rate of development of the network and its upgradation. The targets are always kept slightly higher than the previous achievements with a view to prompt field units to perform better.

(c) The improvement to the telecom services is a continuous process. the electromechanical exchanges are being replaced by electronic exchanges; the fault prone cables are being identified and replaced by new cables Fault repair service is being progressively computerised and monitoring is being done both at local and headquarter levels.

(d) The targets set/projections made for improvement in the staff productivity yearwise during the eighth plan period and upto 2000 AD are as under:

As on	Staff/1000 Dels Targets/ projection made	set/Achievement
01.04.92	83	81.9
01.04.93	71	70.0
01.04.94	57	59.2
01..04.95	49	48.3
01.04.96	40	—
01.04.97	35	—
01.04.2000	25	—

(e) (i) With the introduction of Private Sector in the Telecom equipment production, the quality has improved and cost of production of telecom equipment has substantially come down thereby improving the productivity of the DOT.

(ii) With the impending participation of private sector in operation of Basic Telephone Service, it is expected that there will be change in work culture of the employees of DOT and consequently further improvement in their productivity. However, the rates of improvement can't be quantified at this stage.

Expansion of Container Corporation of India Limited

2167. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: